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SUBJECT: SCHMIDT VISIT TO CHINA

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1. A FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE HAS TOLD US IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S VISIT TO CHINA HAS NOW BEEN SCHEDULED TO START ON MARCH 29. PLAN IS THAT SCHMIDT WOULD FLY TO TEHRAN THAT DAY, SPEND THE NIGHT THERE (PLANS FOR TALKS WITH SHAH AND/OR IRANIAN OFFICIALS NOT YET CLEAR BUT OBVIOUSLY IN GESTATION), AND PROCEED TO PEKING THE FOLLOWING DAY. SCHMIDT WOULD THEN SPEND FOUR DAYS IN PRC, THREE OF THEM DEVOTED TO OFFICIAL VISIT IN PEKING, FOURTH TO BE SPENT ON VISIT TO AN AS YET UNDETERMINED LOCATION OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL. SCHMIDT PLANS TO RETURN DIRECTLY TO BONN.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FONOFF HAS BEEN TRYING HARD TO
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OBTAIN COMMITMENT FROM CHINESE THAT TREATMENT OF SCHMIDT

WILL BE NO LESS FAVORABLE THAN THAT ACCORDED CSU LEADER
STRAUSS DURING LATTER'S RECENT VISIT TO CHINA. CHINESE
HAVE RESPONDED THAT THEY WILL "DO THEIR BEST."
CHANCELLERY AND FONOFF EVIDENTLY REGARD THIS AS SUFFI-
CIENT AND HAVE ACCEPTED IT AS INEVITABLE THAT CHINESE
ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE FIRM COMMITMENT.
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